

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below for clarity.

(D2 Sub 1)
1. (Twice amended) A gene delivery vehicle comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a chicken anemia virus protein VP3.

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2. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 1 additionally comprising a modified translation initiation site directly upstream of the ATG-initiation codon of said nucleic acid molecule, wherein said translation initiation site comprises the nucleic acid sequence GCCAAC.

4. (Amended) A gene delivery vehicle comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a chicken anemia virus protein VP2.

5. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 4 additionally comprising a modified translation initiation site directly upstream of the ATG-initiation codon of said nucleic acid molecule, wherein said translation initiation site comprises the nucleic acid sequence GCCAAC.

6. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 1 additionally comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding chicken anemia virus protein VP2.

7. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 6 additionally comprising a modified translation initiation site directly upstream the ATG-initiation codon of the nucleic acid molecule encoding chicken anemia virus protein VP2, wherein said translation initiation site comprises the nucleic acid sequence GCCAAC.

8. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 1 which is a viral vector.

9. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 8 wherein said viral vector is replication defective.

10. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 9 wherein said viral vector is an adenoviral vector.

11. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 9 wherein said viral vector is a retroviral vector.

12. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 6 which additionally comprises at least one target molecule.

13. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 12 wherein the target molecule is reactive with a tumor cell surface receptor.

14. (Amended) A host cell comprising the gene delivery vehicle according to claim 13.

15. (Amended) The host cell according to claim 14 which is a helper or packaging cell.

16. (Amended) The host cell according to claim 14 which is selected from the group of HEK-293, HER-911, PER-C6, Psi-2, and PA-317 cells.

22. (Amended) A method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian tumor by directly administering the gene delivery vehicle of claim 1 to a mammal.

Please cancel claims 23, 24, 26 and 27, without prejudice or disclaimer.

25. (Amended) A method for inducing apoptosis in a mammalian tumor by directly

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Administering the gene delivery vehicle of claim 6 to a mammal.
